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Abducted siblings now reunited with mom

Lost and found. Children '100 per cent recognized their mother'

Emily Cablek has been reunited with her two children almost four years after they were taken from her, moved around Mexico and kept hidden from public view, authorities said Monday.

Cablek saw her children, Dominic and Abby Maryk, now 11 and 9 years old respectively, on the weekend after they were found in a home in Guadalajara on Friday. Their father, Kevin Maryk, was arrested on a charge of child abduction and is in custody in Mexico.

"They absolutely, 100 per cent recognized their mother. (They) have many memories. Dominic is looking forward to a Slurpee," Christy Dzikowicz with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection said Monday. The centre is a non-profit agency that works with governments and law enforcement to help protect children from abduction, exploitation and abuse.

"But much has been stolen from them. No school to learn. No doctors to take care. No friends to play with. No mother to love, nurture and protect them."

Cablek said in a statement that she is the "happiest mommy" in the world right now and would like to have uninterrupted time with her children.

"I'm asking please give my family some privacy so that we can begin to heal," she said. "We have a long road ahead and I want my children to feel completely safe through all of it. They deserve nothing less."

Police allege Maryk abducted his children during a court-ordered visit in August 2008 and moved around frequently to avoid detection. They also allege he kept the kids inside during the day — forbidding them from going to school, playing with other kids or seeing a physician.

"This is an evil individual who did not want to be found and did take steps to try and ensure that these kids were never located," Det.-Sgt. Shaunna Neufeld of the Winnipeg Police Service's missing-persons unit told a news conference.

Police suspected the kids were in Mexico and had distributed Crime Stoppers-style videos to Mexican media outlets, one of which was aired earlier this month.

Last Thursday, Interpol received a tip from someone who recognized the children, Winnipeg police said.

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Christy Dzikowicz, left, Det.-Sgt. Shaunna Neufeld and Insp. Gord Perrier answer reporters' questions at a press conference on Monday.

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Bad to the bone

George Thorogood and the Destroyers brought their rocking blues licks and smoking guitar work to a crowd of 1,900 at the Centennial Concert Hall Monday night. Fans both young and old showed the rockers who they loved as the band stopped in Winnipeg on a tour supporting their latest album, 2120 South Michigan Ave. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Pit-bull ban likely to stay

Winnipeg's ban on pit bulls is not likely to change anytime soon according to the head of the city's animal-services agency.

The agency's top boss, Leland Gordon, told members of the city's protection and community services committee Monday he does not support lifting the ban that's been in place since 1990, despite calls from animal advocates to have the bylaw removed.

He said the city has a hard enough time finding homes for unwanted dogs that are allowed.

"Pit bulls are the most abused and neglected dogs in the world, and that translates into a more difficult animal to find a home for," explained Gordon after the meeting. "We're overflowing every other week at animal services … and we just can't find enough homes as it is."

Advocates for lifting the ban like Kate Simpkin, who presented her case to committee members prior to Gordon's visit, argue pit-bull owners should be held responsible for their dog's behaviour, and outright breed bans actually foster problems.

She said driving owners underground means that pit bulls don't receive regular vet visits and can often be left in the hands of owners who mistreat them without consequence.

"I find it funny that if I was a pedophile I'd be welcome to live in Winnipeg, but because I own a well-behaved dog I'm not," said Simpkin, who hails from Anola and is currently fostering a pit bull. "My mom lives in the city, and if we were going on holidays and wanted her to watch my dog, she'd have to come to my place."

While Gordon said he loves pit bulls and has owned them himself while living in other jurisdictions, he doesn't plan on recommending a change to the ban when his agency submits its long-awaited pet-ownership bylaw to council later this fall.

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On the web

Women can't get no satisfaction

Sex isn't all it's cracked up to be, at least for Canadian women. So says a new study that found that women are only "making do." The survey found only 31 per cent of Canadian women actually have an orgasm during regular sex, compared to 84 per cent of men. More at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

A new app might prove useful to Canadians heading out this summer on road trips and seeking timely health-related information along the way. Scan the code to read more.

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Groups team up to bring the beautiful game to inner city

Partnership. About 1,000 tickets to the WSA Winnipeg home game will be given to the city's youth

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Inner-city kids will have the opportunity to watch the beautiful game thanks to a local soccer club and league.

With Mayor Sam Katz in attendance, World Soccer Academy (WSA) Winnipeg announced that it has been working alongside the Manitoba Major Soccer League (MMSL) to give kids the opportunity to see a live soccer game.

About 1,000 inner-city youth will receive tickets for the WSA Winnipeg home opener against the Des Moines Menace on June 1.

The tickets will be distributed through United Way Winnipeg and West Broadway Youth.

Lee Haber, business director for WSA Winnipeg, says that they worked closely with MMSL on this initiative because they believe it is important to give less fortunate kids a chance to watch a live soccer match, and also because it is good for the overall growth of soccer in Winnipeg.

"We worked with them because we both wanted to let inner-city kids see soccer firsthand and also hopefully inspire them to pursue excellence in soccer." said Haber.

"Many of these kids are already passionate about soccer, so for them to see elite players playing — there is no better way to inspire them and one day they could be playing for the Canadian men's national team."

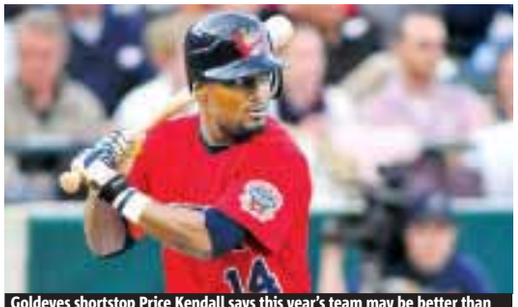
Katz said that he is happy to see soccer organizations working together for the growth of the sport in Winnipeg.

"It's great to see that soccer forces are uniting to grow this very beautiful game here in Winnipeg," said Katz.

WSA Winnipeg, which is in the Premier Development League, plays its home games at the Winnipeg Soccer Complex.

WSA soccer club players Jordan Smith, Danny Demelo, Tyson Farago and Dylan O'Connor celebrate with Mayor Sam Katz. DAVE BAXTER/FOR METRO

Goldeyes go into home opener bursting with confidence



Goldeyes shortstop Price Kendall says this year's team may be better than the 2011 squad. DAVID HILL/WINNIPEG GOLDEYES

A successful road trip to start the season has made the 2012 Winnipeg Goldeyes a confident team heading home.

The Goldeyes began the 2012 season in Texas for the longest road trip in franchise history — 14 games — but they now head back to Winnipeg for their home opener Tuesday, sitting on top of the North Division with a 6-3 record.

Goldeyes shortstop Price Kendall said starting out so well on the road has given the team a confidence that he had yet to see in the Goldeyes, and he believes this year's team may be even better than the team that won the North Division in 2011.

"Our confidence will be unparalleled," said Kendall. "This year's Goldeyes could be better than last year's. The team is better than ever."

Kendall said the team was wary of starting the season with such a grueling road trip, but now they are sitting pretty and looking forward to getting back to Winnipeg.

Where and when

The Goldeyes home opener goes down Tuesday at Shaw Park. Game time is 7 p.m.

"We didn't know what to expect in Texas. We had heard all the horror stories about the heat, but our record is a testament to the resolve of this team," he added. "We are so excited to get back to Winnipeg and play in front of a sold-out, live, energetic fan base."

Goldeyes pitcher Chris Salamida said that late-game hitting and good work from the bullpen has been the key to the Goldeyes' success so far.

"We got down in a few games, but we got the hitting when we needed it and our bullpen has been great," said Salamida.

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Emergency services

Sage Creek fire-paramedic station goes over budget

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service needs a little extra money to pay for its newest fire station.

WFPS Chief Reid Douglas asked the city's protection and community services committee for nearly $61,000 to pay for millwork and an extra window at the Sage Creek fire-paramedic station completed last January for $3 million in southeast Winnipeg.

The committee approved the extra money, which will come out of the city's unallocated capital fund pending EPC and full council approval.

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Environment

Assiniboine Park Conservatory gets $1M donation

Bison Transport and the Jessiman Foundation announced Monday a joint $1-million donation towards the Assiniboine Park Conservatory's Imagine a Place Campaign (APC).

The money will be used to support various projects within the conservatory's $200-million redevelopment project and was made in honour of Donald Streuber, the chief executive officer at Bison Transport and also the vice-chair of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory.

Streuber and his family will be officially recognized with the naming of the Streuber Family Children's Garden, located in the east entrance to the Nature Playground at Assiniboine Park.

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Assault

Trio stabbed; man in custody

Police have a man in custody after three other men were stabbed in the West End early Sunday. Police said the suspect fled the scene on foot, but they caught up with him.

Brandon Aaron Canard, 20, of Winnipeg, is now facing a number of charges. METRO

Under investigation

Garage fire sparks arson probe

Police are investigating after a garage fire in the North End early Sunday caused $24,000 in damages. The blaze was started in a garage in the 300 block of Alfred Avenue around 3 a.m. and spread to nearby structures. No one was hurt.

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Canadian to climb Kilimanjaro in wheelchair

Audience members in Toronto on Monday at the announcement of the We Day expansion into more Canadian cities. METRO

Redefine Possible. In a journey of a lifetime, a man who lost his legs at age five will scale new heights

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Spencer West is in countdown mode to the most "terrifying and exciting" event of his life — climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

West, 31, an author and motivational speaker with Free the Children, is about to embark on the journey of a lifetime and his message is simple.

"We have the potential to redefine what's possible," said West who lives and works in Toronto.

"That's why, with my new Redefine Possible mission, I'm using my story and challenges to inspire others to overcome obstacles and get involved in whatever they are passionate about."

West knows about obstacles: He lost his legs at the age of five and will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro — Africa's highest mountain at 5,895 metres — using his wheelchair, on his hands and with the help of his two best friends and co-workers, David Johnson and Alex Meers.

"Not only is it physically challenging, it can be mentally challenging," so who better to tackle it with than friends, said West. "Of course we want to get to the top, but if we don't, at least we tried."

West, who's shared his story with thousands of kids at We Day events held across Canada, said he hopes to raise $750,000 through the trip — money that will go towards bringing sustainable clean water to Kenyans.

The trio leaves for Africa on June 9 and will begin the climb on June 12.

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Inspiration

Free the Children's youth-empowerment "We Day" event will be hitting more cities this year, after reaching a multimillion-dollar partnership with RBC, organizers said Monday.

- The deal will facilitate the expansion of We Day to five new locations across Canada and support We Schools in Action, a program that engages students and teachers in local and global social justice.
- Last year, 18,000 youth packed the Air Canada Centre in Toronto alone.

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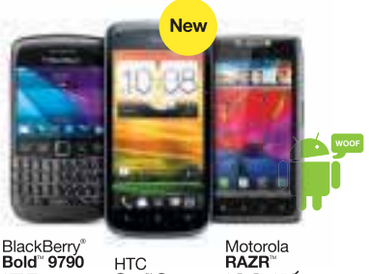

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Middle East tragedy.
Qatar mall fire raises building-safety issues

Qatar's Interior Ministry said 13 children were among 19 people killed in a fire that broke out in one of the country's fanciest shopping malls Monday, raising questions about building safety in the Gulf state.

At least some of the victims died as rescuers struggled to reach a child-care centre at the Villaggio mall in the capital Doha, according to Qatar's Minister of State for Interior Affairs, Sheik Abdullah bin Nasser Al Thani.

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The father of a child killed after a mall fire is comforted in the Qatari capital of Doha Monday.
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Florida cannibalism

Cop in counselling after attack

A Miami police officer was in counselling after he shot and killed a naked man cannibalizing the face of another man.

"It was the most gruesome thing I've ever seen," said Sgt. Javier Ortiz, who was a supervising officer on the scene of the attack.

"The officer is in mental-health counselling so he can continue his career."

Ortiz, who is also vice-president of the Miami chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, blamed "mental illness and drugs" for the attack, which left the victim in critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital Ryder Trauma Center.

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Quebec, students resume negotiations

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois responds to questions before a meeting with student associations and the Quebec government on the conflict over tuition hikes in Quebec City on Monday. Student representatives arrived in the city for their first face-to-face meeting with provincial officials since mid-May. They said any solution to the conflict would include two elements: A retreat on tuition fees and on the emergency law, Bill 78. CLEMENT ALLARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Longtime Syrian ally Russia changes tack

Houla massacre. Russia blames both regime and rebels for slaughter

A weekend massacre of more than 100 people emerged as a potential turning point in the Syrian crisis Monday, galvanizing even staunch ally Russia to take an unusually hard line against President Bashar Assad's regime.

Analysts say Russia may be warning Assad that he needs to change course or lose Moscow's support, which has been a key layer of protection for the regime in Damascus over the course of the uprising, which began in March 2011.

Russia has grown increasingly critical of the Syrian regime in recent months, but Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's latest comments were unusually strong. Although he said opposition forces have terrorists among them, he put the blame for 15 months of carnage primarily on Assad's government.

Alexei Malashenko, a Middle East expert with the Carnegie Moscow Center, said Lavrov's comments suggest Russia may be backing away from its long-standing support for Damascus.

"Bashar Assad is driving himself and Russia into a corner," Malashenko said. "Bashar has definitely gotten the sense that he may lose Russia's sympathy and he may step back."

UN-Arab League joint special envoy for Syria Kofi Annan, left, and Norwegian Maj.-Gen. Robert Mood, head of the UN observer team in Syria, in Damascus, Monday.
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It is not clear whether Assad's forces were exclusively to blame for the slaughter of 108 people Friday in Houla, a collection of poor farming villages in Homs province. The UN said 49 children and 34 women were among the dead

"Both sides have obviously had a hand in the deaths of innocent people, including several dozen women and children," Lavrov said. "This area is controlled by the rebels, but it is also surrounded by the government troops."

He said Russia has no interest in propping up Assad's regime, but wants Syria to guide its own transition under a plan brokered by special envoy Kofi Annan.

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Pope Benedict XVI arrives in Pompeii.
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Pope's butler to aid probe into scandal

The biggest scandal to rock the Vatican in decades widened Monday with the Pope's butler, arrested for allegedly having confidential documents in his home, agreeing to co-operate with investigators — raising the spectre that higher-ranking ecclesial heads may soon roll.

Few believe butler Paolo Gabriele worked alone to leak dozens of documents shedding light on power struggles, corruption and intrigue inside the highest levels of the Catholic Church. The leaks have tormented the Vatican for months and painted a picture of a church hierarchy in utter disarray.

Gabriele, the Pope's personal butler since 2006, was arrested Wednesday evening after Holy See documents were found inside his Vatican City apartment, adding an unfathomable Hollywood twist to the already sordid Vatileaks scandal. He remains in custody in a Vatican detention facility, accused of theft, and has met with his wife and lawyers.

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Lauded

Ad examination wins book award

Bruce Philp has won the National Business Book Award for his examination of the advertising industry, shutting out former media baron Conrad Black. Philp received the recognition for his book Consumer Republic: Using Brands to Get What You Want, Make Corporations Behave, and Maybe Even Save the World.

The National Business Book Award hands out $20,000 to the winner each year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Media jobs

Postmedia cuts Sunday papers in major markets

Postmedia is axing several of its Sunday papers and announcing plans to cut an unspecified number of jobs in an effort to combat declining ad revenue.

Local papers in Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa will lose their Sunday edition As part of the changes, the company will expand its Hamilton, Ont., operations to handle the editorial production of pages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tory bill to end CP Rail strike

Labour dispute. 'The work stoppage is preventing our ability to keep products moving in and out of Canada': Labour minister

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt says the government must act now to end a strike by 4,800 Canadian Pacific Railway workers in order to preserve the country's international reputation.

The Harper government has tabled back-to-work legislation, the third time it has intervened in a labour dispute in similar fashion in the last year.

With legislation introduced after question period on Monday, Raitt said she expects the railroad to be back in business by Thursday. Mediated contract talks between the railway and the Teamsters union representing locomotive engineers and conductors collapsed Sunday.

The union says the company is demanding up to a 40 per cent cut in the earned pensions of employees, after making a $570-million profit last year.

"We've spent out entire careers paying for this, contributing to this and relying on this," said Doug Finnson, union vice-president and chief negotiator. "And because the shareholders want increased value, they want to squeeze it out of our pension plan and then put it over to the shareholders." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Front-office turmoil

The labour unrest comes amid front-office turmoil that saw CP's chief executive officer Fred Green and much of the old company board forced out by an investor revolt, led by New York-based investor Bill Ackman of Pershing Square Capital Management LP.

- The departing CEO, who Ackman accused of running an underperforming company, walked away with an $18-million severance package, a point noted by Liberal House leader Marc Garneau.

Facebook founder's candid cameo

Social-media sites and blogs have lit up after eagle-eyed viewers spotted a surprise cameo in a Chinese TV documentary about the country's police force: Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his now-wife, Priscilla Chan, seen here in this image taken from undated CCTV video. The footage shows the couple wearing the same clothes they were photographed in during a March 27 visit to Shanghai. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leadership. RIM loses another senior executive

Research In Motion Ltd. is losing another senior executive as its chief legal officer is retiring amid reports RIM may announce a major restructuring this week, a move that could result in thousands of job cuts.

RIM said Monday that Karima Bawa had been in discussions about her retirement for some time and plans to stay on to help with the transition once a replacement has been hired. Bawa's retirement follows the departure last week of Patrick Spence, the BlackBerry maker's head of global sales.

Reports have suggested RIM will cut at least 2,000 jobs at its operations around the globe as part of a massive restructuring. The cuts would follow a move last year to cut roughly 2,000 jobs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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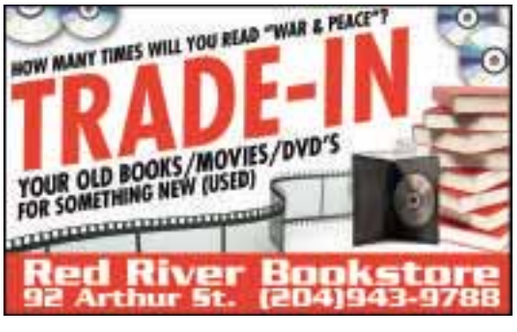
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SHE SAYS...
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A few years ago, my father was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. I can't really pinpoint the exact date because it took a good two years for my mother to stop referring to his illness as "MS-like symptoms" and actually start saying "MS."

Over time I've watched his ability to walk deteriorate. In 2010 we took a family trip to Cambodia and I saw him scale the temple walls at Angkor Wat from sunrise to sunset. Last weekend I helped him as he struggled to lift himself out of a Muskoka chair.

Sometimes I think about whether my father will be able to walk me down the aisle at my wedding, or whether he'll even be alive to witness it. I then, of course, immediately stop thinking about those things as they lead to crying fits in public places.

The more I'm confronted with the realities of this all-too-common autoimmune disease, the more desperate I'm becoming in my devouring of information about anything that might help.

Last week, the University of California released a study demonstrating the benefits of marijuana for individuals suffering from MS. The study found that patients who smoked cannabis once a day experienced a significant reduction in muscle tightness and other painful symptoms associated with MS.

High Times

"While other parents read DARE pamphlets about the perils of drug abuse to their children, my father enjoyed a monthly subscription to High Times magazine."

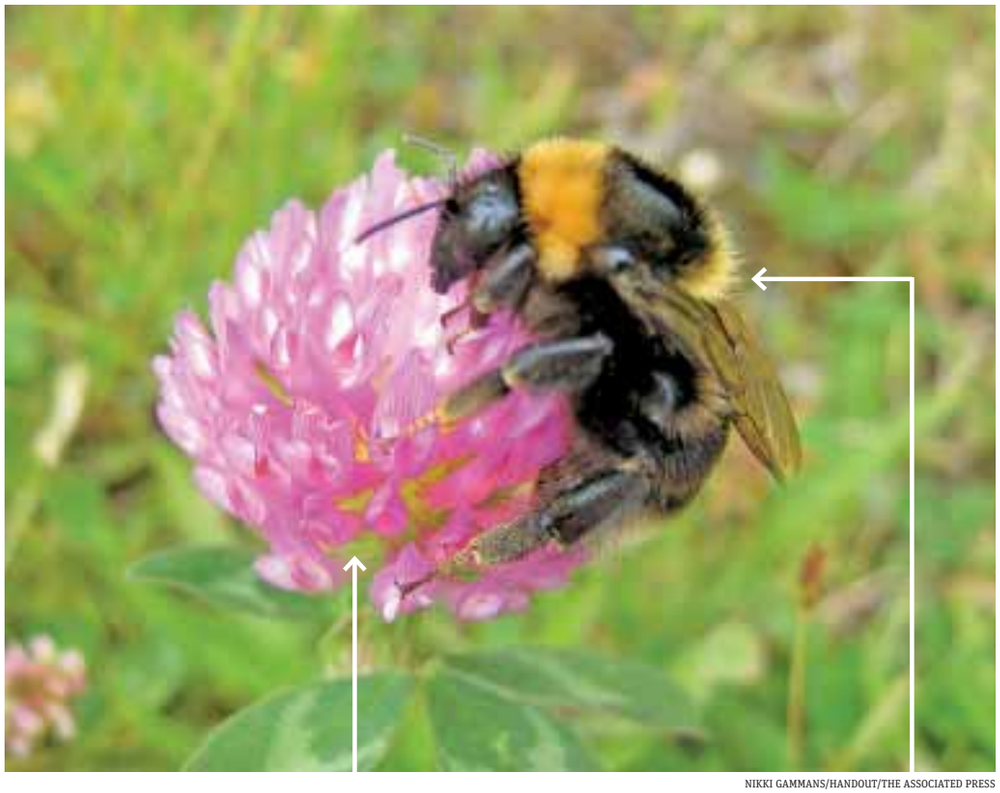
As a hippie, my father was practising this form of self-medication a good 40-something years before he was ever diagnosed. The only real difference is now he has a medical-marijuana licence and a copy of the Canadian Medical Association Journal to back him up.

While other parents read DARE pamphlets about the perils of drug abuse to their children, my father enjoyed a monthly subscription to High Times magazine. Marijuana was never an after-school-special kind of conversation topic in my house — it wasn't cool or dangerous, it was just simply there. Consequently, I had no interest in it. After all, what's the point of teenage rebellion if the person you're trying to revolt against is munching on "special" cookies in your living room?

I've never judged him for smoking it and I certainly don't now. Watching him self-medicate his way through this disease has changed the way I think about drugs and pain. In fact, it's changed my outlook on a lot of things in my life.

It makes me want to take the stairs every day, knowing that perhaps one day I won't be able to. It inspires me to run outside even when I'm feeling lazy — not because I should, but because I can.

Bees do it best in clover



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Homecoming buzz

The bees are back in Britain

They've been away, but now they are — hopefully — buzzing back to their rightful place in the bucolic British countryside.

Around 50 short-haired bees were released into an English nature reserve Monday, some two decades after they were wiped out from most of rural Britain.

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Wild-flower welcome

"Our farmland always used to have wild-flower borders. We are just asking farmers to go back to the way things were and the response has been overwhelmingly positive."

Nikki Gammans, ecologist and project leader

Betting the farm

- Ecologists hope that with the support of farmers who have agreed to grow flowers and plants that help bees flourish, the bugs will zip across the country again.
- The population of short-haired bees — scientific name Bombus subterraneus — has declined dramatically across most of Europe the last two decades as their habitat was destroyed.

Born to be the Bombus

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Bombus subterraneus were declared extinct in Britain 12 years ago. But the short-haired bees survived in Skane, Sweden, and three years ago, Natural England, a U.K. government-backed conservation project, launched a program to bring them back into the wild. The bees that made it through the screening process were released into the wild Monday in a nature reserve in Dungeness, Kent, in southeast England, filled with wild flowers like red clover, white dead nettle, yellow flag and tufted vetches.

Weird news

Rest in Presley peace

For the right price, you or a loved one can rest in peace in the tomb of the King.

Celebrity auctioneer Darren Julien is selling Elvis Presley's original crypt to the highest bidder as part of his Music Icons auction later this month.

The tomb is located inside the granite and marble mausoleum at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Memphis, Tenn.

Presley was interred there alongside his mother, Gladys, after he died Aug. 16, 1977. Two months later, they were re-buried at his Graceland home. The original crypt has remained empty ever since.

Elvis Presley's crypt.
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Julien says the winning bid from the auction beginning June 23 will receive the crypt, the opening and closing of the vault for burial, a memorialization inscription, and use of a chapel for a committal service. Transportation and funeral-home charges are not included.

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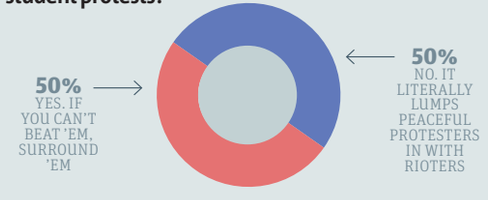
Should police be allowed to kettle protesters, a tactic used during the G20 and recent Montreal student protests?



Twitter

@christellar
I hope the little #angels are okay! Missing #Winnipeg kids in Mexico found by luck

@Bistrogal725
Just bought a dress that made me cry. Who knew that was even possible?

@Bomberjunkie
I got Bomber Plates as my birthday gift...my plate number even ends in 97!!! Best birthday gift EVER!!!

@MeCrazyChris
@PaulLaPolice I just got my new Bomber plates, and a set for hubby. Ready for the season to start

@ambsteele
#ThunderBay has declared #StateOfEmergency for flooding? Yikes, Better get the canoes out folks

@jordanmoses
state of emergency issued in #ThunderBay, flooded water treatment plants, flooded roads — asked to avoid using water @ home

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Kristen Stewart plays Snow White in Snow White and the Huntsman, opening Friday. HANDOUT

Rookie director steps into the land of fairy tales

Snow White.
First-time director Rupert Sanders talks about being handed the keys to Universal's $175 million project

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

In researching his visually distinctive debut film, Snow White and the Huntsman, British director Rupert Sanders avoided one animated classic in particular.

"I actually haven't seen the Walt Disney (Snow White) for ages because I didn't want to be tarnished by it," he says.

"I looked at other filmmakers, like Roman Polanski's Macbeth. I watched Kingdom of Heaven. I think I set out trying not to make a big commercial fairy tale movie, but I wanted to make a big, Lawrence of Arabia kind of medieval tale, and that's really what I think the film is."

But certainly Universal Pictures — which is betting a lot giving a first-time director the keys to a $175 million fantasy film — is hoping for at least in part a big commercial fairy-tale movie.

"Universal have been an incredible partner to work with," Sanders insists.

"First of all, they wrote a massive cheque for a novice to take a lot of their money and go over to Europe untouched and make a film. They've been very trusting."

Of course, part of that trust can be attributed to the Snow White in the title, since the source material continues to be hugely popular.

So what is it about that fairy tale that keeps drawing audiences — and studio executives — back?

"It's the best fairy tale, really. I don't really like them when they get too princess-y. I don't love balls and sleeping beauties and things like that," Sanders says.

"It's one of those stories that is about the human condition. It's about so many of those emotions that we go through — jealousy, the way we look," Sanders says.

"I think in a way it's more relevant today than it was. Everything is so image-obsessed… I hope it has the same lesson in life to our young people. It teaches you a lot about how to cope with the human condition, how to cope with death, basically."

So what's next for Sanders?

"I am done with fairy tales," Sanders says with a weary laugh.

So what will he do for a second feature film? "I'd love to make something contemporary or sci-fi, which is my favourite genre. You can make a film that's sociopolitical without it being a rant. You can put a bigger magnifying glass on our world now if you put the story 100 years in the future."

Of course, if Snow White and the Huntsman is a hit, he might not be as done with fairy tales as he suggests. "Who knows. I think it will be hard for me not to go back into the Snow White world if that world appeared again," Sanders admits.

Quoted

"It's the best fairy tale, really. I don't really like them when they get too princess-y. I don't love balls and sleeping beauties and things like that."

Director Rupert Sanders on the enduring quality of the Snow White tale

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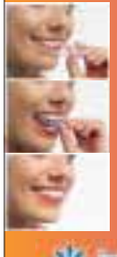

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Scene in brief

De Niro given honorary degree

As he received an honourary doctorate Sunday, Oscar-winning actor Robert De Niro told Bates College graduates that despite his own lack of formal education, he made out OK. During a 15-minute address that was by turns sincere and irreverent, De Niro drew a steady stream of laughter from the 463 graduating seniors and more than 5,000 onlookers at the private, liberal arts college's campus. De Niro, who quit high school to pursue an acting career, was one of three high-profile guests who received honorary degrees at the Bates commencement. PBS Newshour senior correspondent Gwen Ifill and Princeton University molecular biologist Bonnie Bassler also were honoured. But it was De Niro who stole the show as he received an honorary doctorate of fine arts degree. "In many ways, leaving school when I did it was an advantage. I saved nearly $6,000 by not having to pay tuition and expenses for four years of education," he said. "I feel a little foolish, because if I had waited until now not to go to college, I could have saved around a quarter of a million," he said.

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On the web

Michael Haneke's Amour wins Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or

Justin Bieber MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bad Bieber: Did the star lay a smackdown?

Justin Bieber may have finally had enough of photographers.

The singer is a suspect in a criminal battery case after getting into a "physical altercation" with a paparazzo in Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, according to the police report.

The "victim complained of pain and requested medical attention" and was released shortly after being taken to the hospital.

We're curious: Is there enough money in Bieber's bank account for you to admit that his baby-soft hands were capable of inflicting pain?

Queen of the unexplained exit?

Britney Spears' X Factor tenure is off to a rough start. After allegedly storming off the set after a contestant's rendition of one of her hits the first day of filming — a claim she denied on Twitter — Spears reportedly made another sudden exit on her second day, according to Us Weekly. "After a very popular contestant finished, Brit stood up and immediately walked towards the tunnel where judges enter," a source says.

"Her bodyguards (and entourage) jumped up and ran after her. She was moving fast. It was odd." While the reason for her departure was unclear, the source says Spears returned after a short while and resumed her work as though nothing had happened.

Twitter

@justinbieber
am i about to be doing free shows around the world to surprise fans?? hmmm.

@ActuallyNPH
In the Just So You Know Department: incessantly tweeting me to respond to you will almost assuredly achieve the opposite result.

@Joan_Rivers
I hate that the Indy 500 takes place over Memorial Day Weekend. Name one Civil-War soldier who could drive a race car.

@MissKellyO
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Gaga 'devastated' about cancellation

After weeks of protest from a religious group, Lady Gaga decided to cancel a tour stop in Jakarta, Indonesia.

"There is nothing holy about hatred," she posted on Twitter, explaining her decision. "We had to cancel the concert in Indonesia. I'm so very sorry to the fans and just as devastated as you if not more. You are everything to me. I will try to put together something special for you."

The protesting group, the Islamic Defenders Front, insisted Gaga is a "devil's messenger" and claimed that her image would "destroy the country's morals."

They promised "chaos" if the concert went ahead as planned.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Beyoncé is human? Hard to believe

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Radiant new mama Beyoncé was back on the stage for a four-night engagement at Atlantic City's Revel casino over the holiday weekend, and she didn't forget to pack her signature assortment of sparkly two-piece bodysuits and sky-high heels.

But the singer admits it wasn't easy to get in beach shape by Memorial Day weekend.

"Y'all have no idea how hard I worked," she told her audience — which included Michelle, Sasha and Malia Obama — during her Saturday evening performance.

"I had to lose 60 pounds. They had me on that treadmill. I ate lettuce! Now tonight I'm going to get chocolate wasted."

Now, we always thought the rumours that Beyoncé hired a surrogate and faked her pregnancy were crazy (unless it was a particularly slow gossip day).

But can you imagine this lady at a gym or eating anything as lowly as lettuce?

If she is, in fact, human, we're having a hard time believing Beyoncé had a baby in January.

Imagine a world where you ate right, exercised and had great sex. Unfortunately, the smug and happy are in the minority. Most of us are stressed out, sexually frustrated and regulars at KFC. According to Dr. Oz, getting healthy isn't about living longer, it's about living and looking better today.

DR. OZ'S SEVEN DAYS, SEVEN WAYS TO A BRIGHTER YOU

When was the last time you went for a health checkup? A month? A year? America's top doctor Dr. Oz, talks to Metro about the basic steps to feeling and looking great.

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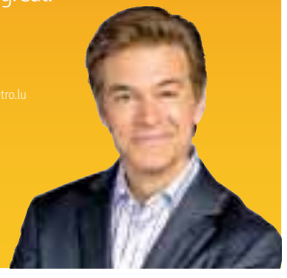

1 What's up Doc?

A staggering third of Americans skip their yearly health check-up. But thinking ignorance is bliss could really mess you up.

Being "too busy" is the most common excuse for failing to go to the doctors says Dr. Oz, but the truth is people don't want to be inconvenienced with bad news.

"Who wants to hear they have cancer? What people don't get is that a doctor is there to guide you to better health, not make you feel bad or embarrassed. They help you understand your health so you can prevent problems in the future."

2 Watch your waist

Everyone should know their weight and BMI (Body Mass Index). Although weight can vary, BMI should always be below 25. Anything above 30 or below 18.5 means you risk developing type 2 diabetes or heart disease.

According to Dr. Oz the most important thing to monitor is waist size: "Waist size predicts the amount of fat inside the intestines: it should be no more than half your height. It's the most dangerous type of fat for your body. Stored in excess, it can put pressure on the kidneys, which can then raise your blood pressure and can also poison the liver, leading to higher cholesterol levels and diabetes."

3 The pressure of peer pressure

Studies have shown that people who lost weight by engaging in group activities were more successful at keeping it off in the long term.

"The moment you go public about your proclamation of health, you're holding yourself accountable," explains Dr. Oz. "Friends won't sabotage your efforts, but on the contrary be inspired by your achievements."

Another thing to watch out for is habits.

"Habits are the 'norm' but whether they're good or bad it is down to you. If your friends eat pizza and drink beer every night, you'll associate this with 'normal' behavior. But if all your friends pick the treadmill over the cheesy crust — will that pizza still taste so good?" asks Dr. Oz. You decide.

4 Get more zzz ...

Sleep is the most important thing we need and the single thing we lack the most: "Seven and a half hours a night is an ideal amount. If you've trouble sleeping it could be a sign something is holding you back either physically or psychologically," says Dr Oz. "If all else fails, try and ease your body into rest. Fifty per cent of people sleep better in colder temperatures, wearing loose clothes or no clothes and having dimmed the lights 30 minutes before going to bed. Heat and tight clothes prevent motion and make you feel uncomfortable."

But what about binge sleep? "Binge sleeping is fine as long as it's done within the week during which you lacked sleep. Done outside of that, it risks throwing off your body clock and your body will think its been to a different time zone," explains Dr Oz.

5 Exercise: all it takes is 7 easy minutes

Emotionally satisfied people have one thing in common: they all set aside a few minutes a day of "me time," mostly in the morning.

Dr. Oz advises you to spend seven minutes every morning doing a combination of yoga, push ups and sit ups.

"Morning is the one time of day when you are still in control of your destiny. Seven minutes of light exercise is enough to reduce stress levels and make you feel as if you are in control of your life."

Why seven minutes? Don't we have to sweat it out for at least 20?

"We all have seven minutes to spare in the morning. It's also enough time to increase heart rate. If you want to exercise more, you don't have to run a marathon but something as simple as a brisk walk for 30-60 minutes, five times a week can lower your risk of heart disease by about 40 per cent."

6 Assess your stress

Stress alone could be the reason why you can't lose weight. It affects the neuroendocrine system that increases the amount of fat stored around the abdomen. It's also indirectly linked to the consumption of too many fatty or sugary foods, as well as inactivity.

"Some of us are comfortable being uncomfortable. Instead of running away from stress we need to embrace the discomfort. The only solution to getting over it is to come up with better coping strategies that force you to manage your stress such as assertiveness training, or even better — exercise."

7 Mind your genes

You may be healthy, but your genes may say otherwise. Family history is critical in diagnosing and preventing illnesses. A blood relative under 65 years of age is a good reference point. Once you know your weaknesses, Dr. Oz recommends you customize your lifestyle around them. "If your father died of lung cancer at the age of 60 because he smoked, take this as a sign that your genes don't protect you against smoking."

Go nuts

A no-nut peanut butter?

BEST HEALTH MINUTE
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A No-Nut "Peanut Butter"?

Yes, you read that right. In each issue of Best Health magazine, we show you interesting products you might not have seen, and this month we found something on grocery store shelves that's great news for anyone with a peanut allergy: No Nuts Golden Peabutter.

It's a spread made of brown peas, and before you think that it sounds gross, I can say that it's actually good, and similar in taste and texture to real peanut butter. (Of course, some people with peanut allergies would be turned off by something that resembles peanut butter).

Besides peas, the ingredients include canola oil, sugar and palm oil. One tablespoon is equal in protein, fat and calories to peanut butter.

What also makes this product great is that it's Canadian. Pea farmer Joe St. Denis of Legal, Alta, was travelling in Egypt when he discovered a love for hummus. Back home, he experimented, making it with different varieties of peas. But he found it tasted more like peanut butter than it did hummus. An owner of Mountain Meadows Food Processing, which sells No Nuts across Canada at grocery chains such as Sobeys and Metro, says "Brown peas taste mild, unlike green or yellow peas. And we don't add flavouring."

For more interesting new products and information on healthy living, check out Best Health, on newsstands now.

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Skin care

Live Clean introduces Fresh Face

Live Clean, the Canadian brand known for its eco-friendly, plant-based personal care products, introduces Live Clean (Fresh Face), an eight-product collection of eco-friendly skin care products for your face. With five years and more than 60 products since its founding, Live Clean introduces skin care to its exceptional collection of products for hair and body. "We've been thinking about skin care for a long time now and Live Clean (Fresh Face) has been two years in active development," says Executive Vice President Michelle Sparrock. "But just as we did with our baby care collection, we proceeded with caution; wanting to be sure we got it absolutely right." The eight-product Fresh Face collection – including foaming daily cleanser, deep cleansing clay masque, smoothing facial scrub, and refreshing facial toner among others – offers the right product for every skin care need.All Live Clean (Fresh Face) products are made without many commonly used chemicals such as Sodium Lauryl Sulfate (SLS), a common harsh irritant petrochemical surfactant used in most shampoos and skin care products, as well as Diethanolamine. For more information, check out live-clean.com.

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On the Web

When packing a portable feast ensure picnic food is safe by keeping it cold

Dal's Signature Fried Chicken commands your attention

Dal's Signature Fried Chicken. SVJETLANA MLINAREVIC

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According to a friend of mine, Dal's is a Transcona institution. With an endorsement like that, I knew I had to try it out.

When I entered the restaurant, I noticed the decor was kind of bland and I was a bit dismayed with the slowness of the service staff.

After looking over the menu, I decided to try Dal's Signature Chicken ($10.95). I received two pieces that had a crunchy cornmeal exterior with a hot juicy interior — very good.

Along with the chicken came fries and coleslaw. The fries were not homemade but the coleslaw was fresh, crisp and not weighed down with dressing.

I also ordered a nine-inch pepperoni and mushroom pizza ($11.75). It came loaded with cheese and sauce (too much sauce for my taste). The mushrooms were from a can but I didn't mind and the crust was super thin with an almost cracker like texture.

Overall, Dal's is an OK restaurant. If you're in Transcona, try it out.

Visiting the restaurant

Dal's Restaurant And Lounge

Address. 701 Regent Ave.

Phone. 222-4255

Rating. 3/5

Price range. $2.95 - $18.95

Reservations. No

Business lunch. Yes

Lunch with co-workers. Yes

Social lunch. Yes

Quick solo lunch. Yes

Tex-Mex Chicken Sandwich. Perfect way to add zest to each bite

1. In bowl, toss chicken with black beans, corn, cheddar cheese, green onion, salsa and sour cream until combined.

2. Divide chicken mix equally among four slices of bread. Top each with avocado, tomato and spinach leaves. Top with remaining bread slices. **MAPLE LEAF FOODS, DEMPSTER'S BREAD/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOK.CA)**

Ingredients

4 servings

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) chopped fully cooked chicken strips
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cooked black beans
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) thawed frozen corn
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) each salsa and sour cream
- 8 slices whole-grain bread
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1 large tomato, sliced
- 250 ml (1 cup) baby spinach leaves

Chicken Nugget Tarts. Finger food gets boost

1. Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Then prepare tart shells as per package directions for unfilled tart shells. Set aside.

2. Bake chicken nuggets according to package directions and let cool while preparing filling for tart shells. After baking nuggets, reduce oven temperature to 180 C (350 F), if necessary.

3. Divide softened cream cheese equally among prebaked tart shells. Use the back of a teaspoon to spread on the bottom of the shells. Top with 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of the ranch dressing. Mix together melted butter and buffalo wing sauce. Spoon 2 ml (1/2 tsp) into each tart.

4. Place a baked chicken nugget into each tart and top with 5 ml (1 tsp) buffalo wing sauce mixture and 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ranch dressing.

5. Place tarts on a baking sheet and loosely cover with foil. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove foil and sprinkle each tart with 5 ml (1 tsp) of the mozzarella. Continue baking for five to 10 minutes or until cheese is melted and starting to bubble.

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Ingredients

- 12 frozen tart shells
- 12 frozen small chicken nuggets
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) softened cream cheese
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) ranch salad dressing
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) buffalo wing sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter, melted
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) shredded mozzarella cheese

Sweet unites with savoury in refreshing off-the-grill pizza

This recipe takes just 35 minutes to make. NEWS CANADA

A tasty spin on a classic dish, this grilled pizza with cheese, prosciutto and peaches is sure to be a crowd pleaser at your next get-together.

Topped with fresh, summery ingredients, this casual, yet elegant favourite works as an appetizer or a meal.

1. On a very lightly floured surface, roll out the store-bought pizza dough and then drizzle it with the olive oil.

2. Brush the peach quarters with olive oil and grill them on each side for just a few minutes.

3. Slide the pizza dough on to the barbecue and cook it on each side for about five minutes or until you see that it is slightly golden brown.

4. Carefully, remove the pizza dough from the barbecue and top it with half of the Mozzarellissima, the prosciutto, the grilled peach quarters and the walnuts. Then cover it with the remaining cheese.

5. Place it back on the barbecue, close cover and cook on medium heat for approximately 10 minutes or until the cheese is fully melted. Remove from barbecue and top with arugula and a drizzle of balsamic vinegar. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

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Ingredients

4 to 6 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

- 2 lbs (1 kg) store-bought pizza dough
- Olive oil, to taste
- 1 fresh peach, cut into quarters
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) Saputo Mozzarellissima cheese, shredded
- 6 slices prosciutto
- 1 handful walnuts
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) arugula
- Balsamic vinegar (optional)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Putting your pot of gold to work

Divide and conquer. Invest any windfall slowly. You might miss out on some gains but you won't fall into an abyss

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Last week I offered my two cents worth of advice to a woman wondering what to do with a divorce settlement of $20,000. I encouraged her to take time deciding whether to pay down debt, save, spend or invest.

Now I have some suggestions about the latter. Investing a lump sum can be tricky. For instance, an investment made in September 2007 on the eve of the financial crash may still be in the negative.

Divide any windfall into pieces and invest gradually to spread your risk over time. It's far better to miss out on some gains than fall into an abyss.

Alison's money rule

"Investing over time reduces your risk and increases your return."

My choice for most investors is Exchanged Traded Funds or ETFs with very low fees. Most are lower than .50 annually compared to the average Canadian mutual fund fees of 2.25 to 2.5 per cent annually.

These products simply mimic an index like Canada's S&P\TSX Composite. There are also bond ETFs. (ETFs trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange just like shares of a company and you will pay a trading fee to buy units.)

Three ETFs are all you need, one for Canada, one for the U.S. and one for bonds. Here's a small selection among the dozens available.

Don't stress, just pick one for each area and you'll have a nice, well-rounded portfolio. The ticker symbol and management fee are in brackets.

Canada
- Horizons BetaPro S&P/TSX 60 Index (HXT, .07%)

- Vanguard MSCI Canada Index (VCE, .09%)

- iShares S&P/TSX Composite Index (XIC, .25%)

US
-Vanguard US Broad Market Index (VUS, .15%)

-BMO Dow Jones Index (ZDJ, .23%)

-iShares S&P US Dividend Growers (CUD, .60%)

Bonds
- iShares DEX Short Term Bond Index (XSB, .25%)

- PowerShares 1-5 Year Laddered Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index (PSB, .25%)

- BMO Aggregate Bond Index (ZAG, .28%)

Doing a little homework before you invest can really pay off. ISTOCK IMAGES

If, for example, you wanted one-third of the $20,000 in bonds, make that entire investment now as the short term bonds will roll over automatically and take advantage of higher rates in the future.

Divide the remaining $13,000 plus into four to six pieces and invest gradually in the chosen Canadian and US ETFs over the next six months to a year. There will be a trading fee for each transaction but you only pay it once until you sell, and the additional cost balances the risk.

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Champagne etiquette

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Hello Mr. Butler,
I am going to be hosting an event for my parents' 50th wedding anniversary at my home and I'm in need of some champagne etiquette. What's the right temperature, what kind of glasses should I get, how much do I fill a glass and how do I make a toast?
Thanks!
Nervous Daughter

Dear Nervous Daughter,

What an exciting event! Good champagne should be served cold, so keeping it in the fridge for a few days then on ice at the bar when it is being served is important.

When opening the champagne never point it at anyone and hold the "cage" and the cork tight with a napkin while slowly turning the bottle. You will feel the pressure build up and the cork will pop out easily.

When serving, you can use either a champagne flute or saucer, though the "fashion" of today is flutes.

When you pour champagne, it foams up (just like pop) so pour slowly and just a small amount in every glass — this is called "priming" the glass. Then return and fill the flute with additional champagne. Don't fill the glass more than three-quarters full.

When you toast your parents, you technically don't let the glasses touch each other, however many people unfortunately do "clink" glasses.

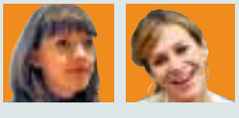
Keep your speech short, to the point and annunciate clearly, ask everyone to raise their glass and say something like "to our parents" and then have a sip and voila — your toast is done!

Let us know how it goes. If you write to me I will do my best to guide you and your group through the process!

Champagne should always be served cold. ISTOCK

Advice

Here's an idea: Try Google



TWO SISTERS
Andrea and Claire
Life@metronews.ca

I'm planning a holiday with my new boyfriend, so I asked my old boyfriend for a recommendation because I want to go to an area he introduced me to (we dated long-distance six years ago). Our relationship was brief and he's been in a long-term relationship for a few years now, and I've been supportive and happy for him — and yet he got annoyed at me for considering a holiday in his area with my new boyfriend! Is it me, or is he a childish twit? Hmmph

Andrea: Dear Girl Needs Tour Guide, I'm going to shock you here, but there's a little thing called the internet. On this "web," you can find great advice on where to go and what to do in virtually any city. Isn't that amazing? In the past we all had to ask our ex-boyfriends what they liked to do because it was probably what our current boyfriends would want to do as well.

Why create new, romantic memories, when you could relive old ones in a friendly game of "deal with my baggage?"

OK, I'll stop being mean here, but asking your ex for advice was a little insensitive. He doesn't own the city, but it doesn't mean you have to rub it in his face that you're a globe-trotting hottie with a new love in tow. Happy travels!

Claire: Dear Hmmph
I'm not sure whether you should be astounded that he actually cares enough to be offended so many years later, or annoyed that he should make this about him (which might just be categorized under "twit-like"). I'm surprised he has a problem with a little friendly tour-guiding — especially if you've stayed in touch regularly enough to know that he's in a new and happy relationship, but since he does, tease him about it to keep things light, and move on. And take it as a compliment to your enduring awesomeness.

And yes, try that internet thing. It's super useful.

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SPORTS

Soccer

"Stay at home, watch it on TV. Don't even risk it ... because you could end up coming back in a coffin."

Former England defender Sol Campbell, warning fans in a BBC interview against travelling to Poland and Ukraine to watch the European Championship, claiming authorities are failing to tackle entrenched racism and violence in the countries.

NBA playoffs

Bosh's return still up in air

Chris Bosh is taking steps toward returning to the Miami lineup, though it remains unclear when the Heat will actually see their star forward in uniform again. Bosh, who has been sidelined since straining an abdominal muscle in Game 1 of Miami's second-round series against Indiana, did what the Heat called a "very light" on-court workout Sunday. Coach Erik Spoelstra said there's no target date for his return. The Heat took on the Boston Celtics in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final on Monday night. Go to metronews.ca/sports for more coverage.

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On the web

Montreal Canadiens GM Marc Bergevin continued to round out his front office with the hiring of Scott Mellanby as director of player personnel on Monday. Scan the code for the story.

Brown leads way on Kings' journey to promised land

Kings captain Dustin Brown reacts after his controversial hit on Phoenix's Michal Rozsival in overtime of Game 5 of the Western Conference final last week. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

NHL. Regular-season trade rumours propelled L.A. captain to take his game to another level

If Dustin Brown stands up in the Los Angeles locker-room before the Stanley Cup final opener Wednesday night and delivers a stirring, emotional speech, his teammates won't know how to react.

"Well, he's not a rah-rah guy," veteran Kings defenceman Matt Greene said. "We don't have too many of those guys in the room. But he knows how to lead, and he does it by example."

Brown prefers showing to telling, whether it's with a timely goal or a bruising hit. The Los Angeles captain's playoff performance has demonstrated something quite clearly to the Kings: Behind his leadership they're capable of winning the franchise's first title.

Brown's hard-hitting, high-scoring play has been the biggest revelation of the post-season for the eighth-seeded Kings, but his quantum leap forward began during the regular season. Brown's run of stellar play started right after he was prominently featured in trade-deadline rumours linking him to Toronto and beyond, forcing the forward to wonder whether he would have to move his young family away from his only NHL team.

"Of course it's concerning to you, but I tried to just concentrate on what I could control," said Brown, the NHL's third-leading post-season scorer. "I just focused on hockey and getting this team to the playoffs, because I felt like we had a team that could do a lot if we got there and started playing together. We felt like we owed it to the fans here to take a shot instead of worrying."

The Kings' long-suffering fans are always near the forefront of Brown's mind when he discusses this playoff run. He realizes Los Angeles has enjoyed only one previous run to the final in 45 years, and he learned all about the Kings' paltry playoff success when he logged 431 regular-season games with the franchise before reaching his first post-season two years ago.

"This is the most successful we've been, but it's not where we want to end up," Brown said.

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Blue Bombers put focus on fans' experience

They may have two stadiums to call home this season but the Winnipeg Blue Bombers are doing what they can to make fans feel welcome in both.

Next Sunday, coach Paul LaPolice would like to see double the number of fans show up this season, when the first practice of 2012 opens.

The Bombers will open at old Canad Inns Stadium, now that construction delays have put off christening Investors Group Field until sometime in September.

"We're trying to make an atmosphere like opening day of the Red Sox or the spring ball game at Alabama or at SEC schools that get 90,000 people," he said Monday.

"We're going to open concessions up.... We're going to have a tank with a Rider fan in it you can dunk.... We're going to do all kinds of things to hopefully have a good Sunday, a good weather day."

The Bombers roster is pretty well full now, although the coach says they may add one more receiver and a defensive back. And most deals have been signed, except for one with their top Canadian draft pick this season, offensive lineman Tyson Pencer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fan attendance

- About 4,500 fans showed up last season, when the Bombers were coming off of a dismal losing year in 2010. This year they're coming off a trip to the Grey Cup.
- They've also managed to break last year's season-ticket sales record with lots of time left to sell more, as fans try to ensure they have seats when the new field opens.

Fans of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers celebrate a play against the B.C. Lions during the Grey Cup in November 2011 in Vancouver. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Manny might join Athletics later this week

Oakland Athletics manager Bob Melvin says there is a "50-50" chance suspended slugger Manny Ramirez will join the team when his 50-game drug ban expires Wednesday.

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Tennis

Raonic through to Round 2 in Paris

Canadian Milos Raonic has already improved on last year's performance at the French Open.

The Thornhill, Ont., native powered past Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo of Spain 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, Monday to reach the second round of the tournament. THE CANADIAN PRESS

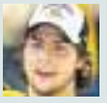
Milos Raonic GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Miami's Oviedo banned for fraud

Miami Marlins pitcher Juan Carlos Oviedo has been suspended for eight weeks by MLB for age and identity fraud. Oviedo was caught playing under a fake name and spent the off-season in the Dominican Republic clearing up his immigration status. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Memorial Cup



"I'm not going to take the credit personally.... You need 20 guys to win this tournament and that's what we did."

Shawinigan Cataractes centre Michael Chaput. Chaput was named tournament MVP after the Cataractes beat the London Knights 2-1 in overtime Sunday in the Memorial Cup championship game.

Crossword

Across

1 Kreskin's claim, briefly
4 Wanders
9 Aware
12 Boudreau of baseball
13 Otherwise
14 Can. neighbour
15 1957 Astaire movie
17 Crafty
18 Corn spike
19 Chops into small bits
21 Reflective power
24 Grad
25 Romanian money
26 Overactor
28 Flounder through puddles
31 Token of defiance
33 Papa
35 Elbow counterpart
36 Examine ore
38 Affirmative
40 Blunder
41 Support group?
43 Game participant
45 Sunday meal
47 Science workplace
48 Thither
49 Bees' structure
54 A billion years
55 Hackneyed
56 Retainer
57 Firmament
58 Handle the helm
59 Adipose tissue

Down

1 Sprite
2 Old French coin
3 Bit of wordplay
4 Capital of Saudi Arabia
5 On unpaved areas
6 Literary collection
7 Starbucks flavour
8 Pilfers
9 Bribe of a sort
10 Gilligan's home
11 Picks up the check
16 Born
20 Pout
21 Plankton component
22 Meadows
23 Thorn in Elmer Fudd's side
27 Spring time
29 Withered
30 Munich mister
32 Deserve
34 Use up
37 America's Cup contenders
39 Buffy, to vampires
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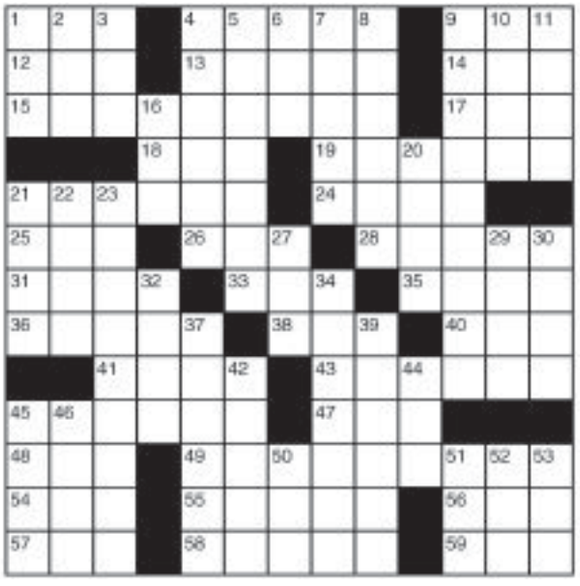
51 Vacationing
52 — culpa
53 Wager



Sudoku

8	9			6		1		3
		6						8
5					4		2	
		8	9		1			
6				3				7
			6		2	9		
	7		5					2
4						3		
3		2		4			5	1

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	1	5	2	8	9	6	4	7
9	4	6	3	7	5	8	2	1
2	8	7	6	4	1	9	3	5
8	2	9	5	6	3	7	1	4
6	5	3	4	1	7	2	8	9
4	7	1	9	2	8	5	6	3
7	6	4	1	5	2	3	9	8
1	3	8	7	9	6	4	5	2
5	9	2	8	3	4	1	7	6

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

TW F JFVQRLFCX MFUQXVXU TR LHZCJXAXJN ATUXQ FVQ UXFQN WHU KXQ, NHE ZTMIA RFN IX'R KERIXQ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A WOODLAND DEITY HAD TO CHOOSE ONE PREFERRED DAY OF THE WEEK, WOULD IT PICK SATYR-DAY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals H

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Don't focus too much on work today. Give yourself time off from your chores and give yourself permission to have fun.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Call it as you see it today, even if it means offending someone you have feelings for.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Passion planet Pluto will stir your emotions today and there may be times when your feelings get a bit extreme.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. What's done is done and cannot be undone, and the sooner you let go of the past and focus on the future the better.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. If you find yourself caught between rival factions today you must get yourself out of the firing line as quickly as possible.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you believe in what you are doing then today's Sun-Pluto link won't have any effect on you.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You just know that some seriously good opportunities are coming your way. Don't waste them.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Today's somewhat negative influences will make minor details look more important than they really are.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Some things are important and some things don't matter. Do you know how to tell the difference?

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You seem to be making things difficult for yourself for no good reason.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If anyone needs a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on today you will be there in a flash. But don't get so caught up in their woes that you lose sight of what is important for you. Your feelings matter too.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. The planets warn there is a danger you will arrive at a conclusion about someone on no more than hearsay evidence, which could turn them against you. SALLY BROMPTON

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"Can you get my agent on the phone? I want to know if they are making a new star trek, I want to be cast as the new Geordi LaForge." -Crystal
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